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## Dementia-Friendly Hospitals

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### Stakeholder Perspective of the Dementia-Friendly Hospital: A Qualitative Descriptive Focus Group Study

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The term dementia-friendly hospital is increasingly used to describe a variety of initiatives and strategies that are implemented to meet the challenges faced by patients with dementia during hospitalization. This qualitative focus group study described stakeholders' perspectives of the dementia-friendly hospital. (PAID ACCESS)

### "If Only they Could Understand Me!" Acute Hospital Care Experiences of Patients with Alzheimer's Disease

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Patients with dementia as co-morbidity find hospital stays challenging because the focus is primarily on the somatic cause of the admission, with less emphasis on the need for dementia-related support and care. This study conducted participant observation research strategies to follow patients' journeys with Alzheimer's disease and to learn about their experiences as patients. (PAID ACCESS)

### What Are the Needs of People with Dementia in Acute Hospital Settings, and What Interventions Are Made to Meet These Needs? A Systematic Integrative Review of the Literature?

<https://bmchealthservres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12913-020-05618-3>

This study aimed to describe the research on interventions to meet the needs of people with dementia in acute hospital settings regarding physical environment, organization of care, staff knowledge of dementia, and competence in person-centered care. (OPEN ACCESS)

### Person-Centred Dementia Care in Acute Hospital Wards- The Influence of Staff Knowledge and Attitudes

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0197457219305221>

Previous research on person-centered dementia care practices has indicated that the work environment of staff influences their perceptions of person-centeredness. This study sought to examine how their personal attitude, such as their level of dementia knowledge and attitudes, affect their person-centered dementia care practices. (OPEN ACCESS)

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### Outcomes of Person-Centred Care for Persons with Dementia in the Acute Care Setting: A Pilot Study

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/07317115.2021.1946233>

This pilot study examined the clinical outcomes and quality of care for persons with dementia in an acute hospital with person-centered care, compared to usual care. (PAID ACCESS)

### The Acute Care Experience of Older Persons with Cognitive Impairment and their Families: A Qualitative Study

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0020748918302694>

An increase in older persons with pre-existing cognitive impairment requiring inpatient services for co-occurring acute illness has produced a need for acute care processes to be re-designed. This study sought to generate an in-depth understanding of the experience of acute care processes and the needs of older, hospitalized, older persons with cognitive impairment and their family members. (PAID ACCESS)

### The Experiences and Perceptions of Care in Acute Settings for Patients Living with Dementia: A Qualitative Evidence Synthesis

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0020748919301245>

This qualitative evidence synthesis aimed to explore the experiences and perceptions of patients living with dementia on the care they receive in acute settings. (PAID ACCESS)

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Hospitals are efficiency-oriented and often fail to adequately accommodate anything more than the basic needs of their patients. This study conducts a multilevel regression analysis, looking at geriatric patients within Special Care Units, which have been developed to work at various levels, including a model of care, comprehensive integration, and dementia-friendly design. (PAID ACCESS)

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### Creating a Dementia-Friendly Environment Through the Use of Outdoor Natural Landscape Design Intervention in Long-Term Care Facilities: A Narrative Review

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1353829218309456>

This narrative literature review synthesizes current knowledge on the effect of outdoor natural landscape design, which is aligned with the characteristics of a dementia-friendly environment, to improve agitation, apathy, and engagement of people with dementia. (PAID ACCESS)

### Dementia Friendly Hospital Design: Key Issues for Patients and Accompanying Persons in an Irish Acute Care Public Hospital

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1937586719845120>

For a person with dementia, the hospital experience can be exacerbated by cognitive impairment and behavioural or psychological symptoms. Therefore, it can be a frightening, distressing, and disorienting place. This study investigated the impact of the hospital environment on older people, including patients with dementia and their accompanying persons. (OPEN ACCESS)

### Exploring the Impact of Dementia-Friendly Ward Environments on the Provision of Care: A Qualitative Thematic Analysis

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1471301216689402>

Dementia-friendly wards are recent developments to improve care for patients with dementia in acute hospitals. This qualitative study used focus groups to understand the impact of dementia-friendly ward environments on nurses' experiences of caring for acutely unwell patients with dementia. (PAID ACCESS)

### Practical Strategies to Help Develop Dementia-Friendly Hospital Wards

<https://journals.rcni.com/nursing-older-people/practical-strategies-to-help-develop-dementiafriendly-hospital-wards-nop.2018.e982>

This article explores methods of improving dementia care in general hospital wards. It looks at ways of exploring the ward environment, meaningful activities, personal history work, involving carers, and identifying and treating delirium. (PAID ACCESS)

### Know Me – A New Person-Centred Approach for Dementia-Friendly Emergency Department Care

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1471301216675670>

This qualitative study determined the feasibility of the structure, format, and content of eight hospital-readiness communication tools. Study findings examined how to (1) improve safety in emergency care for older people with dementia and their caregivers and (2) offer cost-effective communication tools for web-based knowledge translation activity in acute care. (PAID ACCESS)

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### The Effectiveness of Interventions to Improve the Care and Management of People with Dementia in General Hospitals: A Systematic Review

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/gps.5280>

Individuals with dementia are at a greater risk of being admitted to a hospital where care may not be person-centred. Interventions improving care and management are vital. This study sought to assess the effectiveness of interventions designed to improve the care and management of individuals with dementia in hospitals. (PAID ACCESS)

### “Getting to Know Them”: Person-Centred Care for Patients with Dementia in Acute Care

<https://journals.healio.com/doi/full/10.3928/00989134-20210408-01>

Acute care hospitals are generally not equipped to provide the best care for persons with dementia. The purpose of this qualitative study was to understand the needs and perspectives of nursing staff and patient care technicians regarding delivering person-centered care to patients with dementia. (OPEN ACCESS)

### Dementia Care in Acute Hospitals – A Qualitative Study on Nurse Managers’ Perceived Challenges and Solutions

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/jonm.12941>

Multi-levels factors need to be considered to promote changes in practice. This study aimed to explore the perceived challenges of nurse managers when caring for patients with dementia in acute hospitals and identify possible solutions to address these challenges. (PAID ACCESS)

### Supporting General Hospital Staff to Provide Dementia Sensitive Care: A Realist Evaluation

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0020748918302499>

This study sought to explain the factors that support hospital staff to provide dementia-sensitive care and with what outcomes for patients with dementia. (OPEN ACCESS)

### A Systematic Review of Interventions to Improve Acute Hospital Care for People with Dementia

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0197457221000859>

This systematic review analyzed the interventions targeting hospital care of patients with dementia. (OPEN ACCESS)

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### Factors Associated with Function-Focused Care Among Hospitalized Older Adults with Dementia

<https://aacnjournals.org/ajconline/article-abstract/32/4/264/32140/Factors-Associated-With-Function-Focused-Care?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

Function-focused care is an approach to increase physical activity in hospitalized older adults with dementia. This cross-sectional explored factors associated with participation in function-focused care in this patient population. **(PAID ACCESS)**

### Nurses' experiences of Caring for Persons with Dementia Experiencing Responsive Behaviours in an Acute Hospital: A Qualitative Descriptive Study

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/opn.12379>

There is limited knowledge about the specific care experiences of nurses when working to meet the needs of persons with dementia who experience responsive behaviours alongside an admitting diagnosis. This qualitative descriptive study explored nurses' experiences of caring for persons with dementia experiencing responsive behaviours in an acute hospital. **(OPEN ACCESS)**